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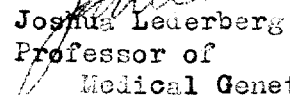
Dear George:

Your letter of the 6th did catch up with me some few days ago, but I haven't had time till now for a proper reply. However, I do want to thank you for clarifying what had been a rather mystifying situation, a few years ago. Even in the light of what you told me, but particularly because of my own pressing problems of decision, I think I was right to ask for an authoritative underwriting of any proposals to be discussed. However, Dean Bundy has written me a most cordial letter, which is quite reassuring on this point.

I will be seeing Kenneth, possibly before you see this, but in any case I wanted to thank you for having written as you did. I am afraid it will be impossible for me to stopover at Cambridge in the course of our present journey, but I will not make any irrevocable commitments elsewhere until I have had time to consider alternative courses very carefully.

It will be hard for me to acknowledge every warm letter I have had from friends at Harvard, and I hope my appreciation can diffuse from the particular replies, like this one.

Yours sincerely,


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